

CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 30, 2003

Portions of Virginia experienced heavy rainfall during the latter part of the week. On Sunday night areas of Virginia experienced cold weather, with temperatures dropping to the low 20's and upper teens. Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.8. In some areas, the wet ground delayed planting and prevented fertilizer applications. Several farmers are slightly behind on their preparations for the growing season. In general, the grass has greened up with the rainfall. Several farmers were still looking for hay to supply early spring needs. A few farmer started light field work preparing tobacco land for planting. Other farm activities include tillage for full season beans, beef cows calving, and farmers signing up for the 2002 farm bill.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
March 30	0	4	58	38

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	4	14	40	36	6
Livestock	2	11	31	51	5
Other Hay	0	6	43	47	4
Alfalfa Hay	0	1	41	53	5
Winter Wheat	3	16	41	37	3
Barley	2	13	41	39	5
Tobacco Greenhouse	0	0	8	44	48
Tobacco Plantbeds	0	0	44	56	0
Apples	0	0	88	12	0
Peaches	16	17	42	25	0

CROP PROGRSS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn Planted	1	NA	2	2
Tobacco:				
Greenhouse Seeded	92	NA	NA	NA
Plantbed Seeded	89	NA	NA	NA
Summer Potatoes Planted	45	NA	NA	NA

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 30, 2003

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	72	28	49	5	0.76	-0.08	2
Bremo Bluff	81	30	56	7	0.19	-0.61	2
Burkes Garden	67	22	46	4	0.58	-0.26	2
Camp Pickett	79	36	57	7	0.99	0.20	2
Chatham	79	34	55	7	0.87	-0.01	3
Dale Enterprise	76	30	52	6	0.60	0.04	3
Danville AG	81	39	59	8	0.51	-0.33	2
Floyd	71	27	50	4	0.72	-0.12	3
Free Union	80	33	55	6	0.94	0.15	2
Glasgow	79	33	55	6	1.65	0.95	3
Hillsville	74	30	52	6	1.10	0.31	3
Lake Of The Woods	75	35	54	7	0.79	0.02	3
Lynchburg	78	34	58	9	0.77	0.01	3
Mount Weather	75	29	52	10	1.12	0.42	3
Norfolk	80	43	60	9	0.41	-0.37	2
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	79	32	56	8	1.08	0.31	4
Pulaski	74	28	51	6	0.88	0.22	3
Richlands	71	29	50	9	0.58	-0.26	2
Richmond	80	40	59	8	1.48	0.71	2
Roanoke	78	32	57	7	1.09	0.32	3
Saltville	73	31	50	3	0.48	-0.29	2
Somerset	76	34	54	7	0.76	-0.01	3
Staunton	76	32	53	8	0.60	-0.03	2
Stuart	77	37	56	7	0.25	-0.73	3
The Plains	77	31	54	7	0.77	0.07	3
Washington Dulles	76	33	55	9	0.66	-0.04	3
Waynesboro	76	32	55	9	0.54	-0.09	1
Winchester	76	31	51	6	0.57	-0.13	3
Woodstock	78	32	53	6	0.30	-0.33	1
Wytheville	71	28	49	5	0.82	0.19	2

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.